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GUATEMALA FOR USAID AND ROCAP

FROM AMBASSADOR CATTO TO HERMAN KLEINE

SUBJECT: IRR GRAIN MARKETING - EL SALVADOR

1. I WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT AT THIS LATE DATE CONSIDERATION OF THE IRR WAS DELAYED PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION BY MDCC WITH RESPECT TO REGIONAL GRAINS POLICY. I AM PARTICULARLY DISTURBED THAT THIS ACTION WAS BASED UPON AN OPINION THAT MOVING AHEAD WITH A BILATERAL PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH THE REGIONAL FIELD SUBMISSION (RFS) AND THE MDCC POSITION. WE STILL ASSUME THAT THE DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THIS PROGRAM ON A BILATERAL BASIS IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE RFS APPROVED BY AID/ W IN MID 1972, AS WELL AS THE USAID AGRICULTURE PROP APPROVED BY AID/ W IN EARLY 1973. THE RFS STATES THAT FUTURE AID LENDING FOR PRICE STABILIZATION WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN THROUGH CABEI TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT PROVED FEASIBLE, BUT IT ALSO STATES,(P. 57) QUOTE IN THE EVENT THAT THE PROPOSED LOAN TO CABEI IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED, HOWEVER, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO A BILATERAL LOAN TO EL SALVADOR END QUOTE.

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2. US STRATEGY HAS FAILED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REALITIES OF THE DISCOURAGING CONDITION OF CA INTEGRATION TODAY. ON THE BASIS OF MY OBSERVATION I MUST CONCLUDE THAT, AS PERCEIVED BY EACH OF THE CA'S, WHAT MAY BE GOOD FOR THE REGION IS NOT NECESSARILY GOOD FOR THAT SIECA ACTIVEY MANEUVERED TO TAKE OVER ODECA'S FUNCTIONS.

NONETHELESS, THE MERGER OF THESE ACTIVITIES IS JUSTIFIED AND SIECA IS THE LOGICAL INSTITUTION TO ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SIECA CAN DO A BETTER JOB AND THE DECISION REPRESENTS FURTHER RECOGNITION BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE CACM SECRETARIAT'S WORK. IN ESSENCE, THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS HAS NOW STARTED, THOUGH

BE IT INFORMALLY. A NEXT STEP WILL BE ANNOUNCEMENT APRIL 14 OF SIECA'S NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE INTENDED TO PREPARE THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE WORK OF OVERHAULING THE COMMON MARKET AND GIVING RENEWED IMPETUS TO UNIFICATION. FINBERG ACTING.

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